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SUBJECT Moscow-Smolensk Highway and Munitions Dump
in the Vicinity of Mozhaisk

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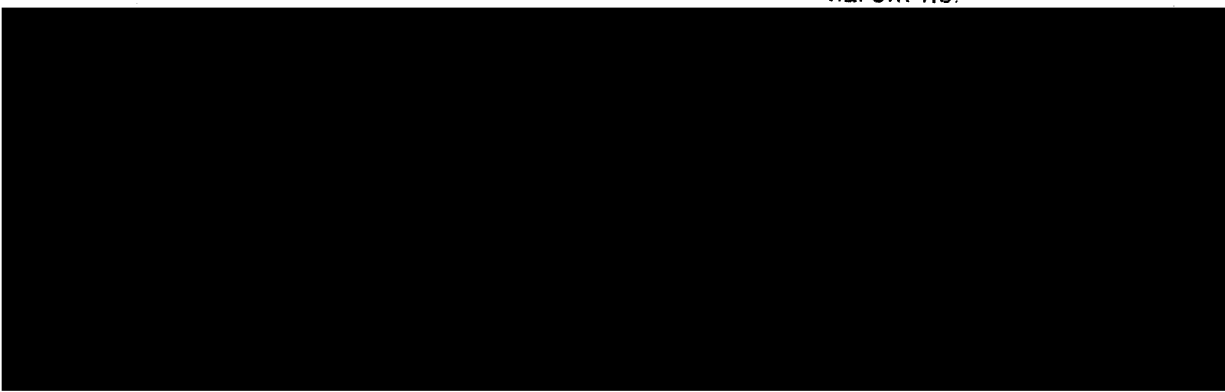
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1. The Moscow-Smolensk highway was observed along a 25 km. stretch from km. marker 84 to km. marker 109. This paved road runs in an east-west direction and curves to the northwest near km. marker 109. In general, the road is very straight with only occasional slight curves. (See Attachment)
 2. Road repair stations are located every 40 km. These small standard buildings with cement roofs are equipped with 2 or 3 asphalt mixers and a truck park of varying numbers depending on the need along their particular stretch of road.
 3. The repair work along the highway consisted of taking up the foundation wherever necessary and putting down a layer of coarse gravel from 10 to 15 cm. thick, depending on the region. This was covered by a layer of asphalt 3 to 4 cm. thick, which, in places, was covered with fine gravel.
 4. The highway is 12 m. wide and has shoulders 2.5-3 m. wide on both sides of the solid roadway. On each side of the highway there is a ditch about 1.5 m. deep. Evidently the road is poorly drained; it is covered with cracks.
 5. There are 2 bridges on the observed section of the Moscow-Smolensk highway: 1) near km. marker 84, a concrete bridge about 50 m. long over a shallow 3-meter-wide brook; the bridge has 2 piers 4.5 m. high; 2) near km. marker 109, a concrete bridge about 50 m. long over a narrow but deeply cut stream bed; the bridge has 2 piers about 10 m. high.
 6. Beginning at km. marker 89 and continuing for 2 km. is an 8-10° ascending grade toward the west. This must be taken in second gear. From the part of the highway between km. markers 91 and 92 the road gradually descends toward the west, and later toward the northwest, over a distance of 15 km. In order to travel eastward along this stretch one must shift from third to second gear.
 7. About 80 m. east of bridge 2 there is a very deep cut with steep slopes 20-25 m. high. The cut begins at the fork of the main highway and the branch to Mozhaisk and runs eastward for about 200 m.

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8. A short distance to the west of km. marker 84 there is a road branching in a northwest direction to Mozhaisk. This is a tortuous road with a constant width of 6 m. from ditch to ditch. The road surface is made of slag about 25 cm. thick covered with a fine layer of asphalt; the road holes are only hastily patched.
9. About 3.5 km. east of Mozhaisk is road bridge 3, a wooden bridge about 6-8 m. long. On both sides of the bridge there are very steep grades of 150 m. in the road (D and E on Attachment). Grade E (the western one) is in a cut with a south slope of 3-4 m. and a more gradual north slope. About 100 m. east of grade D there is a very sharp curve in the road to the south.
10. Along this branch road there are woods between Shchelkovo and bridge 3. South of the main Moscow-Smolensk highway there is mixed woodland which continues on the north side of the road between bridge 2 and km. marker 90. The region north of the highway between km. markers 84 and 90, however, is clear.
11. There is another, shorter road to Mozhaisk which branches off the main highway just east of bridge 2. This is a reinforced highway winding through open land. About 4 km. from the main highway, not far south of Mozhaisk, is bridge 4, a low concrete bridge about 10 m. long.

Camouflaged Munitions Dump near Mozhaisk Railroad Station

12. The Mozhaisk railroad station is located east of the town, about 800 m. east of the railroad crossing over the road which runs south to the Moscow-Smolensk highway. The station is directly south of the trackbed, which is very elevated. At the station this trackbed widens to accommodate about 8 tracks running east for about 1.5 km. The railroad station itself is surrounded by several storage sheds which form a kind of landing.
13. About 400-500 m. southeast of the railroad station, in open surroundings, directly below the slope of the trackbed, there is a park of old oak trees. It can be reached only by an east-west street running along its northern edge, which extends for 100 m. This park is carefully guarded by engineer soldiers. 25X1A
25X1A a large underground depot for munitions and explosives of all kinds is located here.*

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- * A munitions dump at approximately this location [REDACTED] times before. Previous reports agree that it is camouflaged by trees, but mention that ammunition is stored in 20-30 sheds hidden among the trees, rather than in an underground depot.

Attachments

- Sketch A: Moscow-Smolensk Highway in the Vicinity of Mozhaisk
 Sketch B: Underground Munitions Dump near Mozhaisk Railroad Station

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